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In re Patent Application of:
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AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed May 9, 2008 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

____ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

	No. Claims After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For		Extra Present		Rate	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	19	MINUS	22	* =	0	X	(\$26 SE or \$52)	\$ 0.00
INDEP	2	MINUS	3	** =	0	X	(\$110 SE or \$220)	\$ 0.00
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim						X	(\$195 SE or \$390)	\$ 0.00
* not less than 20 ** not less than 3							TOTAL	\$ 0.00

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If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

1. ☐ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2. ☒ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. ☐ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. ☒ If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.